

# Cheyenne and Arapaho Language Conference Planned July 26-28

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A language conference, “Giving Voice to the *Tsistsistas* and *Hinónóéí*” is planned July 26-28 by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College in conjunction with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Historic Preservation Office and other tribal programs.

The free conference will be held at the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Conference Center on the Weatherford campus.

The agenda includes a daily keynote by each of three tribal college presidents:

Dr. Richard Littlebear, Chief Dull Knife College, Northern Cheyenne Reservation, Lama Deer, Montana; Marlin Spoonhunter, Wind River Tribal College, Wind River Reservation, Ethete, Wyoming; and Dr. Henrietta Mann, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College.

Moses Star, *Tsistsistas* crier and Arapaho chief, has been invited to give his traveling trunk presentation. Desa Dawson, director of world language education for the state office of instruction, and Renee Launey-Rodolf of the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation will explain the process of getting Cheyenne and Arapaho language into public education. And, Teresa Dorsett, director of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Education, has been invited to explain the new Language Advisory Council she is creating.

Participants will take part in language games and activities and learn tribal stories, songs, hymns and cultural customs.

The three-day gathering will feature experts and traditional tribal knowledge keepers who will share their views of Cheyenne and Arapaho life ways. For more information contact Gail Wilcox, 580.774.3139 or Lynnette Gray (405) 422-7622.